

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The public's airwaves, which stations use free of charge, have become the sounding board for private interests as witnessed by this example of Sinclair's control of the media.

As a foreign service officer overseas, I spoke passionately about freedom of the press in the U.S. That freedom has been sacrificed to media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be strengthened. Thank you.